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## CONGRESSMAN CONVICTED.

Blakely, Republican, of Pennsylvania, Fined \$500—He Resigned. PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 5.—Congressman-elect Orrin D. Blakely of Venango County, was fined \$500, which, with costs, will reach \$2,000, by Judge Thompson in Federal District Court here today, following his plea of nolle prosequere to a charge that his election expenses were excessive. Blakely, who is a Republican, immediately after his conviction, wired his resignation to Speaker Clark at Washington.

## SENATE INDORSES WAGNER; MITCHEL ESCAPES CENSURE; GRAB BILL PUZZLE UNSOLVED

### The Mayor's Explanation as to Senator's Loyalty Is Accepted.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, April 5.—Just as the proceeding arising out of the action of the Senate in electing Mayor Mitchell for contempt for his charge that Senator Robert F. Wagner worked in the interests of Germany in opposing the Rockaway fortifications deal were developing into an investigation into all the negotiations for the Rockaway site, the Republican majority, working in harmony with the Mitchell administration, steered the inquiry into a compromise and beached it early today. Mayor Mitchell was exonerated of contempt by a vote of 30 to 13 and Senator Wagner's loyalty and patriotism were unanimously reaffirmed. The curtain was slowly rising on the developments accompanying the sale by certain interests in Brooklyn and Manhattan of millions of dollars worth of land to the City and Federal Governments when the astute ex-Justice Hughes, counsel for Mayor Mitchell, suddenly shifted the course of the proceedings. The Mayor was undergoing cross examination at the time.

Samuel Untermyer counsel for Senator Wagner, had worked the Mayor around to a point where the name of William M. Greve, close associate of the Mayor's friend Senator Reynolds, was figuring prominently in the proceedings. Mr. Untermyer was opening the way to bring out Mr. Greve's connection with land on Plum Island and how that would affect his leasehold on lands owned by the Rockaway Pacific Company with relation to removal of the garbage disposal plant from Warren Island when Judge Hughes interposed.

### SAID COL. ABBOTT WAS WANTED ELSEWHERE.

Judge Hughes said that Col. Frederick V. Abbott, head of the Board of Army Engineers in charge of the fortifications of the city of New York, an important witness, had suddenly been summoned back to New York by the War Department and should be heard immediately. Accordingly, the Mayor was excused and Col. Abbott took the stand.

His evidence was of minor importance. But, while he was testifying the compromise workers were arranging the skid for any further inquiry into who is going to get the big profits in the Rockaway fortifications deal. The result was that the Senate, instead of recalling the Mayor to the stand for a continuation of his cross-examination, went into executive session.

The fight in executive session was

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long and bitter. Senator Wagner took no part in it, but inasmuch as the Republican majority was overwhelmingly in favor of closing the inquiry and he was offered all he could hope to get, his objections would have been futile. The Mayor was not censured because, in the opinion of the majority, he had cleared himself, by a disclaimer, of any intent to assail the patriotism of Senator Wagner or any other Senator.

So the Rockaway fortifications deal for a time slides back into the multiplying real estate mysteries. The concrete action of the Senate came in the following resolution:

"Whereas, John Purroy Mitchell, upon his appearance and examination before the bar of the Senate, has disclaimed that he intended to impeach or assail the loyalty and patriotism of Senator Robert F. Wagner, and thereby has disposed of the questions to be determined in these proceedings:

"And whereas the evidence shows that the negotiations by the United States Government to acquire land at Rockaway Point for fortification purposes were pending more than one year prior to the request for legislation:

"And whereas said land has this day been acquired by the State of New York for the benefit of the United States by legislation duly enacted:

"Resolved, That the pending proceedings be terminated."

This was adopted over the protests of thirteen Senators who wanted to continue the delving into the plan to make millions from a city's lands, a nation's needs, a governmental harbor appropriation and the future development of Jamaica Bay. When at length the resolution was passed it was by this array:

Ayes—Boylan, A. P. Brown, E. R. Brown, Carson, Cromwell, Emerson, Foley, Gibbs, Graves, Halliday, Hewitt, Hill, Knight, Lockwood, Marshall, Miller, Murphy, Newton, Ottinger, Rensberger, Sage, Sheridan, Slater, Stivers, G. L. Thompson, Walker, Walters, Walton, Wellington and Wickes.

Noes—Burlingame, Cullin, Culen, Daly, Downing, Dunnigan, Gihorist, Koenig, Lawson, Robinson, G. F. Thompson, Towner and Whitney.

Not Voting or Absent—Argersinger, Carroll, Dowling, Heffernan, Mulvan, Wagner and Yelverton.

### CONFIDENCE IN WAGNER'S LOYALTY IS UNANIMOUS.

The solace given to Senator Wagner without a dissenting vote was: "Resolved: That the Senate takes this occasion to again unanimously express its confidence in the honorable discharge of his duty as a Senator of Senator Wagner and in his loyalty to his country and patriotism as a citizen."

The termination of the Mitchell inquiry came as a direct result of the peace overtures to which reference has been made in The Evening World. Senator Elton R. Brown, leader of the majority, reached the window of the ark and hauled in the protesting dove, bearing its olive branch from the stormy sea of Senatorial dissension.

Brown exerted all his finesse upon the members of his own party and all of his gentle persuasive ability upon Senator Robert F. Wagner. He carefully unwound Old Glory from the Rockaway gold brick and waved it to the tune of the Star Spangled Banner before the eyes of the aggrieved Senator from the Sixteenth District. The effect was hypnotic. Wagner

heard the war trumpet sounding in Washington, and under the Svan-gall suggestion of the Republican leader buried his personal ill to aid in what was held up to him as the hour of his country's salvation.

It was 2:30 this morning when a score of disciples of the late Paul Fierve came dashing through the corridors with the news that the Senate had finished its secret session. The men in the corridors rushed for the Senate Chamber. The entire company was on tip toes. Judge Hughes took the floor to begin the final act of the great play. He arose for the purpose of correcting a statement that he had made to the effect that Col. Frederick V. Abbott had been called back to his army post by the War Department, and that for this reason his examination should be hurried.

"I find that my statement was an error," continued Judge Hughes, "and I now wish to correct it."

Clerk Ernest Ray read the resolution which terminated the Mitchell proceeding. Senator Lawson demanded that a vote be taken in the open.

When the detailed vote had been announced by the clerk Senator Foley made this statement:

"I desire to have the record show that the Senator from the Sixteenth did not participate in the executive session and was not present at any time during the session."

Senator Mills asked leave to explain his vote, but withdrew the application long enough to permit the reading and unanimous passage of the resolution of confidence in Senator Wagner. Then he corrected so much of his testimony as showed that he had taken information to Mayor Mitchell between Feb. 24 and March 24. The Senator said he had discussed the Rockaway matter with Mayor Mitchell on Feb. 20, but that the Mayor was in error as to any subsequent conversations.

Senator Henry M. Sage paid a graceful tribute to the high character of Senator Wagner and Senator Brown moved that the Senate adjourn until this afternoon.

### GETTING INTO THE ROCKAWAY LAND DEAL.

Mr. Untermyer dug deeply into the Rockaway deal during the closing hours of the testimony. He developed

that under the Mills bill the city planned to part with 160 acres of land under water to the Rockaway Pacific Corporation as a starter. Then came to light that William M. Greve, referred to as an associate of former Senator William H. Reynolds, was one of the persons who negotiated the deal.

"The title to the property was vested in the City of New York," asked the lawyer.

"So I believe, and so I claim," answered Mayor Mitchell, who was still testifying.

"Haven't you claimed to the contrary that the title was in dispute?" "Never, in dispute, yes; but I have claimed that it was in the city."

"Had you been advised prior to March, 1917, that the attempt to sell this property by private contract and to secure the 160 acres from the city was an improper and unconscionable bargain?"

"I think I had some letters from a man named Sharp making such statements."

"Were you not aware that this attempt to exercise this option had been denounced on the floor of the National House of Representatives?"

"No, I had not."

Mr. Untermyer offered to show that Representative Caldwell had denounced the deal in June of 1916. He tried to get the Congressional record in evidence to make good the charge, but it was not admitted. Then the attorney asked:

### CITY HAD RESERVED MARGINAL STRIP ON BAY.

Q. And while you regarded their suggestion to convey this 160 acres here in question without compensation as a hold-up you did not regard their demands that they should get it at \$500 an acre as a hold-up? A. Not as I regarded that.

Q. You did not? Now, let's see about that. This 160 acres when filled was worth as much as their upland acreage, was it not? A. I am informed that is not so.

Q. Oh, is that so? Have you any

knowledge personally of these values in that section? A. None.

Q. The 160 acres which the city asked to sell at \$500 an acre fronted on the Jamaica inlet side? A. It did not front on it; it was on that side; it was inside a 100-foot marginal way. Therefore it had no frontage on Jamaica Bay.

Q. You mean that the Jamaica Bay improvement contemplated the dredging out of the channel and the building of a bulkhead and a roadway 100 feet inside the bulkhead? A. No, I mean the city in this proposed sale reserved title to a strip of land 100 feet wide along the Jamaica Bay bulkhead line which would later be made into a marginal way.

Q. And this 160 acres would front upon that marginal way? A. Yes, by-

ing between that and the reservation.

Q. Yes, and this Jamaica Bay improvement contemplated dredging a channel eighteen feet deep and about a thousand feet wide, didn't it? A. Yes.

Q. For how many feet does this property extend along the line of that marginal way, this 160 acres? A. I don't remember.

Q. Isn't it 7,500 feet? A. I couldn't tell you.

Q. In the course of that construction and the dredging eighteen feet deep, do you know the timber is there supplied, thrown on the landslides, and there is material to fill in this city property, so that the fill is supplied from the dredging of the channel? A. I have not known that.

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